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Primary School

*Only the best is good enough.*

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### Accelerated Reader Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few years, Enderby Danemill Primary School have used Accelerated Reader to assess reading. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our programme and how it works in our school.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that will help to develop your child's independent reading. It works in quite a simple way; your child will pick a book at their assessed level, and when finished will take a short quiz on the computer. The quiz is a new feature of how we change books at school, but is a really important addition. If your child can pass a quiz about what they have read, then this tells us that they have fully understood the content of their book.

All children from Year 3 (and some year 2) onwards have recently undertaken a short reading test that has assigned them a reading band (or Z.P.D.). Your child will now be able to select a book from our library that falls within their Z.P.D. This reading band will guide your child towards choosing books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating. The aim is for them to pass the quiz and be successful. If a child passes 3 quizzes, they progress to the next level. All of our books in school have been labelled and put into colour bands that will further help guide your child in choosing a book. One of the best parts about using Accelerated Reader is that your child can choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This will hopefully make reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

As a part of our reading programme we ask the children to read at home to an adult at least three times per week. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your child to do this, as ultimately the reading practice that your child gets outside of school contributes greatly towards them becoming a confident, successful reader. Finally, as this system will be new to many parents and carers, we will be holding a workshop on, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.00pm – 5:45pm, to further explain Accelerated Reader and the way in which we teach reading at Danemill.

If you wish to attend, please email the office to confirm your attendance.

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